

Central High School National Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on August 16, 1996. The boundaries are generally defined by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive on the east, mid-block between Rice and Jones Street on the west, West 12th Street on the north, and Roosevelt Road on the south. The low income neighborhood is in a state of deterioration with damaged and abandoned properties throughout the area. The National Park Service and the community hope that the new visitor center will serve as an anchor in the neighborhood that will encourage reinvestment in the area.

The National Park Service recognizes the national significance of the interior and exterior of the buildings and grounds of the entire 21 acre campus of Central High School and the local significance of the surrounding neighborhood as a National Historic District. The larger Cultural Landscape is important for understanding the Park's history. The Cultural Landscape is that of a busy high school campus surrounded by residential housing.

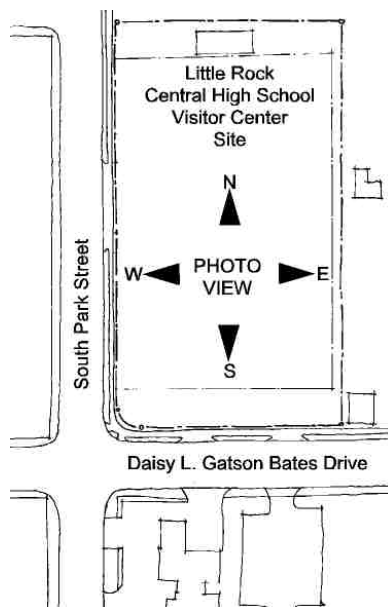
The site was formerly home to Capitol Wholesale Florist, a commercial greenhouse/nursery. The business existed on the site during the events of 1957-1958.



N - Standing on the site, looking North



E - Standing on the site, looking East



S - Standing on the site, looking South



W - Standing on the site, looking West